



Sample Proclamation Text

Below is sample text you can use to create your own proclamation for Older Americans Month 2005. Feel free to use the language as it appears here or tailor it to fit your organization's specific needs.

Older Americans Month May 2005 A Proclamation

WHEREAS, [your geographical area of jurisdiction] is home to more than [insert number] citizens aged 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, the older Americans of [your geographical area of jurisdiction] are a vital part of our nation's demographic makeup; and

WHEREAS, older citizens are members of our community entitled to dignified, independent lives free from fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging; and

WHEREAS, each community in America must strive to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, understand and address their evolving needs, and support their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, our society is dependent upon intergenerational cooperation and support, and benefits from our collective efforts to serve older Americans and the people who love them; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Older Americans Act by the United States Congress;

NOW THEREFORE WE, the [name of body issuing proclamation], do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005 as *Older Americans Month*.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2005.

[name of body issuing proclamation]

